

**ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH**

**FACULTY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**SYLLABUS FOR**

**M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL & WEST ASIAN STUDIES**

1. **Current events of National and International Significance**
  - (a) Globalization and Liberalization
  - (b) Environment and Ecology, International Terrorism
  - (c) International Conflict zones and Refugee crisis, Trade Wars
  - (d) Post Cold War Era, India and the World.
  
2. **Geo Strategic Significance of West Asia and North Africa**
  - (a) Oil & Strategic Significance of the Gulf
  - (b) Oil & Gas – Major fields, Reserves & Production
  - (c) Physical Features, Climate, Soil, Vegetation & Population.
  - (d) Agriculture Expansion : Irrigation & Agrarian Reforms
  
3. **Politics in West Asia and North Africa**
  - (a) Mandate System, Rise of Nationalism
  - (b) Zionism and Formation of Israel
  - (c) PLO & Palestine Questions
  - (d) Islamic Revivalism in West Asia and North Africa
  
4. **Conflicts & Conflict Resolution in West Asia and North Africa**
  - (a) Suez Crisis, June 1967 War, Yom Kippur War, Israel-Lebanon Conflict
  - (b) Iran-Iraq War, Iraq-Kuwait Conflict, US Invasion of Iraq
  - (c) War in Yemen, Syrian Civil War
  - (d) Camp David Accord, Madrid and Oslo Accord, UN Peace Keeping Missions
  
5. **Economics of West Asia and North Africa**
  - (a) The concept of Rentier Economy and the West Asian & North African Economies
  - (b) Exchange rate Policies in West Asian & North African Countries
  - (c) Financial markets in West Asia & North Africa
  - (d) Regional Cooperation: GCC, Arab League, OPEC, OAPEC, OIC, KFAED
  
6. **Society & Culture in West Asia and North Africa**
  - (a) Languages, Minorities and Family System
  - (b) Tribes, Ethnicity, Religions in West Asia & North Africa
  - (c) Population, Diaspora and Migration Pattern of West Asia & North Africa
  - (d) Social and Women Movement in West Asia & North Africa